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NATIONAL POLICY ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering formulating a National Policy on Disaster Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when such a National Policy on Disaster Management is likely to be formulated?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): Institutional arrangements exist for natural disaster management at the National, State and District levels. The mechanism for financing the relief is also laid down in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Commissions appointed from time to time. Although it is primarily the responsibility of the States to provide relief to the affected people in the wake of natural calamities, the Central Government also supplements the efforts of the States by way of financial and logistic support. Disaster mitigation measures are reviewed from time to time keeping in view the nature, intensity and impact of the natural disasters. In the wake of the earthquake in Gujarat, a National Committee on Disaster Management has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister having representation of the Presidents of the National and State Level political parties inter- alia to suggest necessary institutional and legislative measures needed for an effective and long-term strategy to deal with major natural calamities in future. The first meeting of the National Committee was held on 18.2.2001.